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Newfoundland and Labrador Teachers' Association

Executive Notes

Your Provincial Executive Council met on January 11 in St. John's. This issue of Executive Notes is designed to provide you with a summary of major decisions occurring at this meeting. For further information please contact any member of Provincial Executive or the staff person as indicated.

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Collective Bargaining

A Conciliation Board has been appointed and hearings have been set for January 21 to 23. These hearings provide the parties with the opportunity to present evidence and make representation on the outstanding issues. Following the hearings, the Board prepares a formal report of its findings and recommendations. An update by way of Bargaining Briefs was presented to teachers on January 10, 2002 (Vol. 7, No. 12) and teachers are encouraged to review this information.

In coming weeks members of the Provincial Executive will be available to branches, to conduct presentations at branch meetings to provide members with detailed information on the outstanding issues before the Conciliation Board. It is essential that all members become familiar with the outstanding issues since, within a few weeks, a vote will be conducted on the Conciliation Board Report which will contain recommendations of settlement on these issues. All members are urged to attend branch meetings set up for this purpose.

For further information contact Winston Carter, President, Fred Douglas, Vice-President, or Edward Hancock, Executive Director.

Association Priorities for 2001-2002

An updated copy of the Priorities document was circulated to Provincial Executive for review and discussion. This update includes action plans, who is responsible, target dates for implementation and action updates on what has occurred since the last meeting. The four main priorities are: concluding a collective agreement; quality of teachers' work life; membership involvement; and communications.

For further information contact Winston Carter, President, or Edward Hancock, Executive Director.

Labrador Benefits Agreement
There have been over 185 submissions to date from teachers in Labrador concerning priorities in the upcoming round of negotiations on the Labrador Benefits package.

A meeting is scheduled in the next few weeks and updates will be provided to Labrador teachers as soon as possible after that meeting.

For further information contact Winston Carter, President, or Perry Downey, Benefits and Economic Services Division.

Business from Standing Committees

- Bernice Morgan will be asked to be Honorary Chairperson for Education Week 2002. For further information contact Winston Carter, President, or Lesley-Ann Browne, Communications Officer.

- Provincial Executive will be kept informed of adjustments to salary proposals in this round of negotiations. For further information contact Winston Carter, President, Fred Douglas, Vice-President, or Edward Hancock, Executive Director.

- The NLTA will participate in the Strategic Partnership Initiative on Economic Development as per information from the Federation of Labour and will attend a press conference to announce the initiative and participation in the Strategic Partnership Forum. For further information contact Winston Carter, President, or Edward Hancock, Executive Director.

- The second NLTA representative on the Negotiating Committee for the Labrador Benefits Agreement will be Sheila Park of the Northern Light Branch. For further information contact Winston Carter, President, or Perry Downey, Benefits and Economic Services Division.

- The NLTA will poll the public re key teacher issues as part of an Omnibus Poll conducted by Vision Research to a maximum cost of $5,000. For further information contact Winston Carter, President, or Lesley-Ann Browne, Communications Officer.

Discussion Topics
The following topics were reviewed by Provincial Executive for follow-up or future discussion: branch visitations/contact by Executive members; relationship between Virtual Teacher Centre and STEM~Net; provincial outcomes database; high school exam survey; NLSBA policy grievance; CTF Public Advocacy Award; CTF Annual General Meeting; and new school construction.

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Hancock, Executive Director.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Provincial Executive is scheduled for **February 21** in St. JohnÕs. Joint Council will meet on **February 22 and 23**. For further information contact Winston Carter, President, or Edward Hancock, Executive Director.